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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
Dear Supervisors,

First of all I want to thank those of you who voted in favor of extending the water moratorium at this critical time.

At your upcoming March 17th meeting where you will be discussing a "No export ordinance", it is my hope that you will again step up to the plate and pass an ordinance that will prevent water from being exported out of the county AND specifically out of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. I also hope you would not exclude the BOS from this ordinance.

The CVP said last week it expects to deliver no water to most of its agricultural customers, after also allocating no water to those customers in 2014.

With no state water again this year, and the continuation of the drought, water is becoming more and more a precious commodity. It is imperative that we not let our water fall into the hands of those who would profit by selling our water with no concern for the thousands of us who live here and depend on it for survival.

There is/are already huge vineyards that overlies the basin. And I noticed a large number of vineyards in the area have been recently purchased. I see

also large land purchases by Harvard. I can see where growing grapes has the potential to become much less profitable than selling the water and it looks like the vultures are circling.

Please do not let money be the bottom line, as happens so often these days. You have a chance to make an important decision affecting the lives of all who live in this county and over the Basin.

Sincerely,
Carol Rowland
Creston



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Kindest regards,

Cytasha Campa

Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

San Luis Obispo County

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Attached please find PRO Water Equity's comments concerning Item #18, Regulation of the Exportation of Groundwater.

Thank you,
Jan Seals



Treasurer, PRO Water Equity PWE Comments to BoS 3-13-15.pdf

March 13, 2015

Chair Debbie Arnold
Supervisor Frank Mecham
Supervisor Bruce Gibson
Supervisor Adam Hill
Supervisor Lynn Compton

Re: March 17, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Agenda item #18
Regulation of the Exportation of Groundwater

Dear Chairperson Arnold and Supervisors,

You are in process of considering an ordinance that would regulate the exportation of groundwater in San Luis Obispo County. PRO Water Equity commented September 2014 when this item was last before your board. We would like to comment on the following items in the draft ordinance:

- We support the definition of export as “the extraction of groundwater underlying the county for use outside the boundaries of the groundwater basin from which the groundwater is derived, or for use outside of the county.”
- We support the 1/2 acre foot cap on any single export, and support creating a tracking system for de minimis extractions through a de minimis exemption form.
- We support the permit term of one year, with annual consideration and renewal thereafter. This would allow the process to show impacts before trouble develops.
- Regarding the County exemption, we request that a provision be added that would require the board to make the same findings that are set forth in the proposed ordinance (Section 8.92.070) as part of its decision to fund and approve any County or District export project.

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- We suggest that the ordinance only apply to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, since this is where the public concern is currently focused. Later ordinances can be considered for other groundwater basins as the concern arises.

In our view, this ordinance would benefit the residents and overlayers of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. We encourage you to direct staff to continue processing this ordinance. We ask that staff seek additional comments from the public (particularly the Paso Basin Advisory Committee) as the ordinance language is developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

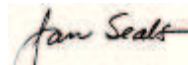
The Board of PRO Water Equity, Inc.



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Treasurer



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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

As an overlie of the Paso Robles Water Basin, I am in favor of creating an Export Ordinance - but only if it is like the one Tehama County enacted with no loopholes that would exempt particular groups or individuals. Any new ordinance must also apply equally to the city of Paso Robles and other water purveyors and stop rewarding those currently abusing the water supply and penalizing the small users that are only taking 3% of the water pumped from of the basin.

I also want to see the one-to-one offset eliminated as it places an unfair and unreasonable burden on small farmers who's survival depends on rotate crops to deal with seasonal and local supply needs.



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Supervisors,

This is to ask that you support the strongest possible and and loophole-free restrictions on export of BOTH NATIVE AND FOREIGN WATER.

Please consider the language in the Tehama County ordinance pasted in below.

You can always relax the conditions for an export permit should a problem be identified or if we enter a condition of surplus water.

Taking strong action right now with clear language and easy to enforce bright lines without opportunities for loophole seekers is the sensible action for our county as the drought intensifies.

This op ed from the LA times by respected NASA scientist Jay Famiglietti urges statewide action,

" immediate mandatory water rationing should be authorized across all of the state's water sectors, from domestic and municipal through agricultural and industrial".

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-famiglietti-drought-california-20150313-story.html>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Maria Lorca
Creston property owner
Member Basin Advisory Supply Options Subcommittee
Alternate member Paso Basin Groundwater Advisory Committee

<http://www.grac.org/spring96/tehama.htm>

Baldwin v. County of Tehama (1994) 31 Cal. App. 4th 166 by Judith Kammins Albietz, Esq.

On February 4, 1992, Tehama enacted an ordinance that required a permit to extract groundwater for the purpose of use on land other than where the

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extraction occurs. This permit would not be granted if the board of supervisors finds that the proposed extraction's will result in an overdraft, saltwater intrusion, adverse effects upon the rate of flow of water through the aquifer, adverse effects on the water table, or the overdraft of groundwater based upon the preexisting and reasonably foreseeable beneficial uses of the water on lands within Tehama overlying the aquifer. Further, the operation of any well in the county that causes a cone of depression in the water table beyond the boundaries of the parcel upon which the well is located is prohibited.



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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
Dear Supervisors,

Thank you so much to those of you who voted to extend the water moratorium. Those of us who ran out of water and had to take measures to just be able to live on our property truly appreciate this step.

I'm hoping that you will again think of the human element and the need for water just for survival when you discuss a "No export ordinance" at your March 17th meeting. I will be working that day, so am unable to attend your meeting, but would like to express my deep concern over the possibility of exporting our most precious and necessary resource. We can live without a lot of things, but not water. With the ongoing drought, the groundwater is only becoming less. We must protect our groundwater and especially the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. I find it hard to believe that anyone would jeopardize people in exchange for profit, but money does strange things to some people.

I ask that you please consider carefully in making your decisions. Peoples lives are in the balance here, and your decision will affect all of us who live over the Basin and want to continue to live on our properties.

Thank you for "listening".

Sincerely,

Kathleen Saffell
Creston



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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

Dear Supervisors,
Thank you for your recent vote to extend the Urgency Ordinance. My husband and I would like to express our gratitude to Supervisor Mecham for reconsidering his vote. His action gave us and many fellow rural residents an indication that there is (still) a majority whose vote we can count on during this difficult time in California. Thank you for not letting us down!
The primary purpose of today's letter is to weigh in on the issue of exporting water out of the Paso Robles Ground Water Basin (PRGWB). We urge the entire Board to vote in favor of a categorical prohibition against exportation of any water - paper or wet - out of the PRGWB, including but not limited to any present and future county agencies. Water is scarce throughout the state and there is no hope of the situation changing any time soon. The Urgency Ordinance is helpful only in that further irrigation-dependent agricultural growth is prohibited temporarily. The ordinance does not save water; it only prevents exacerbation of overpumping for agricultural purposes. However, any other growth appears to be approved, thereby leading to accelerated depletion of the basin water. Rumors are rampant about land purchases apparently aimed solely at amassing land for its water rights. Are we seeing the beginnings of water wars in SLO County?
With Supervisor Mecham's decision not to run again for another term, this is the time to vote "no" on exportation while we still have a majority of board members that put the welfare of the general population above special interests

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of property rights advocates. In a decent and caring society, our right to not lose the only significant insurance for our old age should trump that of business people scurrying around like the financial speculators in 2007/2008. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Michael K. Garberoglio

Inge Meinzer

Paso Robles



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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
It is agreed that there should be no exportation or sale of water from this county. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Barbara, Creston homeowner